

EXHIBIT AAJ

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 IN RE: TERRORIST ATTACKS) 03-MDL-1570 (GBD) (SN)
4 ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001)
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9 Thursday, June 27, 2019

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11 THIS TRANSCRIPT CONTAINS
12 CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL
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14 Videotaped Deposition of ABDULHADI
15 T. DAGUIT, held at 1 Raffles Drive, Makati
16 Avenue, Makati City, Manila, Philippines,
17 commencing at 6:01 p.m., on the above date,
18 before Debra A. Dibble, Certified Court
19 Reporter, Registered Diplomate Reporter,
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2 159. It's at tab No. 8.

3 Q. (BY MR. CARTER) Mr. Daguit,

4 this is a 2006 press release of the United

5 States Department of the Treasury, announcing

6 that the United States had designated the

7 Philippine and Indonesian branch offices of

8 the Saudi-based International Islamic Relief

9 Organization for facilitating fundraising for

10 al-Qaeda and affiliated terrorist groups.

11 Were you aware that the

12 United States had designated the Philippine

13 and Indonesian offices of the IIRO for

14 supporting al-Qaeda?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Have you ever heard that such a

17 designation was imposed by the United States?

18 A. In the newspapers, I read some

19 reports. But I treated the -- for me, I

20 treated these reports as an allegation. So

21 since it is an allegation, I consider it fake

22 news.

23 Q. Well, you didn't believe there

24 was any legitimacy to the determination the

1 United States government had made regarding
2 the activities of the IIRO Philippine and
3 Indonesian offices?

4 A. Pardon?

5 Q. Did you not believe there was
6 any legitimacy to the United States'
7 determination that the IIRO Philippine and
8 Indonesian branch offices were connected to
9 al-Qaeda?

10 A. For Indonesia, I don't know
11 what -- what is the -- what is the IIRO
12 business there. But for the Philippine
13 office, I firmly believe that in any way we
14 are not connected with any terrorist group.

15 Q. When do you recall first
16 learning about this allegation?

17 A. This is the first time I see
18 this letter.

19 Q. Well, I think you testified a
20 moment ago that you read newspaper reports
21 that the United States had designated the
22 IIRO Philippine office; correct?

23 A. Yeah, but I am referring to
24 this -- I -- what I understand is you asked

1 me about this particular report. So if this
2 particular report, this is the first time I
3 see it.

4 Q. But you did see media reports
5 at the time reporting of the designation by
6 the United States of the IIRO Philippine
7 office; correct?

8 A. I see in that -- I read
9 newspapers regarding that issue.

10 Q. And at the time you saw those
11 newspapers, you had been affiliated with the
12 IIRO for many years; correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Given the fact that you had
15 been affiliated with the IIRO for many years,
16 did you undertake any inquiry at all to
17 determine whether the designation was proper?

18 A. No, because, as I -- as far as
19 I know, I believe firmly that this
20 designation is not true, because in the first
21 place, we did not receive any official -- if
22 that is true, surely the Philippine
23 government will -- someone asked to explain.
24 But until this very time, I did not receive

1 any -- someone or any letter from the -- from
2 any agency of the government to explain on
3 this particular matter.

4 Q. The press release in front of
5 you also reports the designation of Abd
6 Al-Hamid Sulaman Al-Mujil, for supporting
7 Islamic militant groups.

8 Were you aware in 2006 that
9 Mr. Al-Mujil had been designated as well?

10 A. Yeah, I -- the same thing. I
11 came to learn -- I came to know this through
12 the newspapers.

13 Q. And again, did you conduct any
14 inquiries with people you had worked with in
15 the IIRO to determine if they had any
16 information that Mr. Al-Mujil was tied to
17 terrorists?

18 A. No. I -- I did not conduct an
19 inquiry.

20 Q. At the time the designations
21 took place, were you still working at the
22 IIRO?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Were the IIRO's bank accounts

1 CERTIFICATE

2 I, DEBRA A. DIBBLE, Registered
Diplomate Reporter, Certified Realtime
3 Reporter, Certified Realtime Captioner,
Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public,
4 do hereby certify that prior to the
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5 DAGUIT was duly sworn by me to testify to the
truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
6 truth.

7 I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the
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8 testimony as taken stenographically by and
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Dated: 8 July 2019
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